

CLAIMS:

- 1 1. A method for facilitating the coordination of care of an individual, comprising:
2 a) storing data associated with a cared-for individual in a data storage
3 device coupled to a server, the server accessible by a plurality of user interface
4 devices via a communication media; and
5 b) receiving a business rule associated with the data over the
6 communication media transmitted from one of the plurality of user interface
7 devices, the business rule specifying access privileges of a member user.

- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the communication media is the
2 Internet or an Intranet.

- 1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein the business rule is created by the
2 cared-for individual or a responsible party.

- 1 4. The method of claim 3, further including:
2 storing the business rule in the data storage device.

- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the member user is a group member
2 user or an individual member user.

1 6. The method of claim 5, wherein the group member user is a care
2 provider facility where the cared-for individual is located, and the business rule
3 grants access privileges to the care provider facility.

1 7. The method of claim 6, wherein the business rule grants authority to an
2 official at the care provider facility to grant access privileges to at least one staff
3 member at the care provider facility.

1 8. The method of claim 7, further including:
2 receiving a business rule from the official at the care provider facility, the
3 business rule granting privileges to at least one role at the care provider facility.

1 9. The method of claim 1, wherein the data associated with the individual
2 and stored on the data storage device is divided into files, the files including at
3 least one of medical records, insurance information, general well being messages,
4 dietary preferences, shopping lists, personal records, advance directives, mail
5 messages, calendar, e-mail, tasks and religious preferences.

1 10. The method of claim 1, wherein the data stored on the storage device
2 is data associated with the care of an elder or otherwise disabled individual.

1 11. The method of claim 1, wherein the data includes at least one of text,
2 audio, photos, graphics, and audiovisual items.

1 12. The method of claim 1, wherein the business rule is created by the
2 cared-for individual or a responsible party during a registration process.

1 13. The method of claim 12, further including:
2 receiving an e-mail address of a member user during the registration
3 process; and
4 storing the e-mail address in the data storage device.

1 14. The method of claim 13, further including:
2 providing the cared-for individual or the responsible party with a list of
3 care provider facilities; and
4 receiving a selection of a care provider facility where the cared-for
5 individual is located.

1 15. The method of claim 14, further including:
2 authorizing an official at the care provider facility to grant privileges to at
3 least one staff member at the care provider facility.

1 16. The method of claim 1, wherein the business rule is one of read only,
2 change, or none.

1 17. A system for facilitating the coordination of care of an individual,
2 comprising:
3 a server connected to a communication media, the server storing data
4 associated with a cared-for individual, the server accessible by a plurality of user
5 interface devices connected to the communication media; and
6 at least one business rule associated with the data, the business rule
7 created by a user at one of the plurality of user interface devices, the business rule
8 specifying a level of access privileges of a member user.

1 18. The system of claim 17, wherein the communication media is a local
2 area network (LAN) or a wide area network (WAN).

1 19. The system of claim 17, wherein the business rule is created by the
2 cared-for individual or a responsible party.

1 20. The system of claim 17, wherein the business rule is transmitted from
2 a user interface device to the server and stored in a data storage device coupled to
3 the server.

1 21. A method for providing a data space accessible to user-specified
2 members according to user-specified business rules, comprising:
3 a) receiving at a server an identification of an individual member user;

4 b) receiving at the server a business rule associated with the individual
5 member user, the business rule specifying access privileges of the individual
6 member user;
7 c) receiving at the server an identification of a group member user;
8 d) receiving at the server a business rule associated with a participant
9 within the group member user; and
10 e) creating a data space on the data storage device, the data space
11 accessible by the individual member user and the participant within the group
12 member user according to their associated business rules.

1 22. The method of claim 21, wherein the group member user is a care
2 provider facility.

1 23. The method of claim 21, wherein the participant within the group
2 member user is a staff member at the care provider facility.

1 24. Computer executable software code stored on a computer readable
2 medium, for facilitating the coordination of care of an individual, comprising:
3 a) storing data associated with a cared-for individual in a data storage
4 device coupled to a server, the server accessible by a plurality of user interface
5 devices via a communication media; and
6 b) receiving a business rule associated with the data over the
7 communication media transmitted from one of the plurality of user interface
8 devices, the business rule specifying access privileges of a member user.

1 25. Computer executable software code stored on a computer readable
2 medium, for providing a data space accessible to user-specified members
3 according to user-specified business rules, comprising:
4 a) receiving at a server an identification of an individual member user;
5 b) receiving at the server a business rule associated with the individual
6 member user, the business rule specifying access privileges of the individual
7 member user;
8 c) receiving at the server an identification of a group member user;
9 d) receiving at the server a business rule associated with a participant
10 within the group member user; and
11 e) creating a data space on the data storage device, the data space
12 accessible by the individual member user and the participant within the group
13 member user according to their associated business rules.